the joint stock companies to submit their cost audit reports to Government and also place such reports on the Table of Houses ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The cost audit reports are not required to be placed before the Parliament under Section 233B of the Companies Act, 1956.

(b) Under the rules, the cost auditor is required to send his report to the Company Law Board. There is no proposal to place such reports before the Table of the Houses.

Dearness allowance to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings

630. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of various Public Sector Undertakings like M/s Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceutical Limited are not getting the dearness allowance on the pattern for Central Government employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has taken a policy decision that public sector undertakings should follow Industrial Dearness Allowance formula as distinct from the Dearness Allowance formula applicable to Central Government employees. About 90 per cent of total public sector employees are governed by the Industrial Dearness Allowance formula, including all the employees of M/s Smith Stanistree Pharmaceutical Limited. Dearness Allowance under this formula rises at a uniform rate per point rise in All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers.

Tehri Dam Project

631. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Tehri Dam Project and what is its estimated cost;

(b) whether work on the Project proceeded for some time but was suspended due to adverse agitations from environmentalists; and

(c) whether the whole matter has been re-examined and whether it is proposed to complete the Project as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Tehri Dam Project Complex comprises :—

(i) a 260·5 m high Rockfill Tehri Dam and Hydro Power Project (Stage-I of the Complex) with a concrete spillway and a 1000 MW (4x250 MW) Hydro Power Plant.

(ii) Koteshwar Dam, downstream of Tehri with a Hydro Power Plant of 400 MW (4x100 MW).

(iii) A 1000 MW (4x250 MW) Pump Storage Plant at Tehri.

(iv) Power Transmission System for evacuation of power from the Complex.

The estimated cost of the entire Tehri Complex is Rs. 3008.12 crores and the cost of the 1st Stage Tehri Dam Project is Rs. 1474 crores.

(b) and (c) In the wake of agitation by some environmentalists, the work on river bed cleaning was suspended on 4-1-1990 and subsequently resumed on 23-1-1990. There is no change in the Government

decision taken in November, 1986, to implement the project as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The Tehri Dam Project is to be completed as scheduled, by June 1997.

Shortage of power in northern States

632. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern States in the country as well as Delhi, experienced severe power shortage in recent weeks;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such shortages; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the power supply position in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) :(a) and (b) The Statewise details of the power shortage in the Northern Region, including Delhi during the period April, 1989 to February, 1990 are given in Statement.

Due to severe cold conditions and failure of rains, the demand for power had increased substantially in the Northern Region during the last Winter season. This necessitated load shedding during peak hours to contain the demand within the availability.

(c) A number of measures have been taken to ensure adequate availability of power in this Northern Region. These include expeding commissioning of new generating capacities, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existingpower stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures, arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas, intensive monitoring of the grid operations and coordination of power supply position in the region, etc.

Statement

Power shortage in the Northern Region

(April, 1989—February, 1990)

State/UTs	Shortage (%)
1. Delhi	1·6
2. Haryana	5·3
3. Jammu and Kashmir	12·1
4. Punjab including NFF	9.4
5. Rajasthan	3·0
6. Uttar Pradesh	10.6
7. Himachal Pradesh	Nil
8. Chandigarh	Nil

Flaring of gas in Bombay High

633. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas worth crores of rupees is being burnt in Bombay High because of inadequate distributuon system;

(b) if so, in which manner Government propose to utilise this gas;

(c) whether there is any plan to carry this gas to the Southern States; if so, what are the outlines thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide 'comprehensive gas supply' to Delhi, Bombay and other metropolitan cities to ensure comfortable LPG supply in these cities ?